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Dear Mr. Naar:

Thank you for your letter of July 31, which reached me during transit through San Francisco. I've not had a chance to answer till now.

I am not sure how much clinical interest there will be in the meetings being held here, and which I will be attending. The ~~Gen~~ Genetics Association of Australia will be meeting in Canberra next week, including a one-day symposium on Genetics of BACTERIA and Viruses. The speakers will include Burnet, and Fenner, who are among Australia's best known medical scientists; my own part will be introduction and discussion. Would you be interested in a writeup of this?

En route, I stopped over at Honolulu (pure tourism) and Fiji, where we stayed with Dr. Roy Edmonds. I was amused that you have already been in touch with him in regard to his Central Medical School, which is a fascinating place. In fact, I would be grateful to you for a tear-sheet of the article on the C/M/S which I understood you to have published some few months ago. That particular operation warrants a lot of thinking, for its bearing on the tactics and objectives of medical education.

I shall be lecturing to various medical and biological groups in Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane and (later) Adelaide; In Sydney, I am to give a lecture course in bacterial genetics, and my wife will be in charge of the lab. I will also be working briefly with Sir MacFarlane Burnet.

Just what would you like me to do? As a Fulbright fellow, I feel one of my jobs is just to be a channel of information & your publication would tie in very well with that. I will at least keep some notes on the Canberra meeting till I've heard from you; there may be some delay in writing it up, as we have quite a busy schedule, and I can't always count on a free evening. But there must be a great deal of other medical news, which I would be looking out for in any case. Do you have other correspondents out here? The myxomatosis experiment (for the control of the rabbit pest) is a remarkable study; there are also some interesting developments in TB chemotherapy. Are you interested in such spot features?

My best address would be c/o Prof. S. D. Rubbo; Dept. Bacteriology, Melbourne University, marked 'to forward'. Next week I will be c/o Prof. Frank Fenner, Austral. Nat. Univ., Canberra, A.C.T., and the week following, c/o Prof. Skerman, Dept. Microbiol. at University of Brisbane Medical School, Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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